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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #36



Local partners

On Wednesday the UK Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Authority became the first body to approve the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for widespread use. The announcement perhaps raised as many questions as it did cheers and has been widely covered in the media. In the 'national updates' section below we link to a number of sources which we hope will answer at least some of the questions you may have following Wednesday's news.

In Derbyshire we have been working as a health and care partnership to prepare for the vaccine's arrival and are now finalising our planning with the more detailed information we will start to receive on the vaccine distribution. We will share more information with you as soon as this is received.

Wednesday also marked the end of the second national lockdown and the transition to the new three-tier system of restrictions. Derby and Derbyshire are currently in tier three, 'very high alert'. There's more information on what this means below.

On Tuesday BBC East Midlands Today featured an item about NHS 111 First on their lunchtime and evening news. This formed part of an overall piece marking the tenth anniversary of DHU Health Care providing the NHS 111 service. NHS 111 First is designed to help people get the right treatment, at the right time and at the right place and we are asking everyone in Derby and Derbyshire to think NHS111

The rate of COVID-19 infection in Derby and Derbyshire dropped significantly during the second national lockdown. However, as the second national lockdown ends and we head towards a period of relaxed restrictions at Christmas with news of a viable COVID-19 vaccination, it is hard to say whether the trend will continue or not.

This week, Joined Up Care Derbyshire has launched an online advent calendar containing top tips to help you stay safe and well this winter against a backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. Find out more in the 'partner updates' section below.

Finally, it has been announced today (Friday 4th December) that Joined Up Care Derbyshire, the partnership of health and care organisations in Derby and Derbyshire, has been confirmed as a new Integrated Care System in the latest wave of approval announcements by NHS England. There's more information on this in the 'Update for Derby and Derbyshire' section below.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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National update

UK becomes the first country to approve the Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine **Wednesday 2 December Downing Street Briefing**

Following the announcement that the UK will be the first country to approve the Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine, Prime Minister Boris Johnson convened a press conference at Downing Street. He was joined by Prof Jonathan Van-Tam, England's deputy chief medical officer and Sir Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England.

See also:

[Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 2 December 2020](#)
[Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine judged safe for use in UK](#)
[UK medicines regulator gives approval for first UK COVID-19 vaccine](#)
[PM hails Pfizer jab but warns it is 'not game over'](#)
['No corners cut' in vaccine approval, regulator says](#)

[Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation: advice on priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination](#)
[Who will get the Covid vaccine first?](#)
[NHS workers: 'Vaccine is a game changer'](#)
[How will the new Pfizer vaccine work?](#)
[When will other vaccinations be ready?](#)
[Facebook to take down false vaccine claims](#)

New three-tier system of restrictions has come into force in England, as four-week lockdown ends

See also:

[MPs back tougher system for England](#)
[Local restriction tiers: what you need to know](#)
[What is the new three tier system after lockdown?](#)
[What are the new tiers and lockdown rules in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?](#)
[Shoppers return to stores under England's new tier system](#)

Other news

[UK surpasses 60,000 deaths](#)
[R number for UK below 1 for first time since August](#)
[Student Covid testing begins for Christmas exodus](#)

Statistics

UK Summary – As of 4pm on Thursday 3 December 2020

The latest R number is estimated at 0.9 to 1 with a daily infection growth rate range of -2% to 0%.

Cases People tested positive	Deaths Deaths within 28 days of positive test	Healthcare Patients admitted	Testing Virus tests processed
Latest data provided on 3 December 2020	Latest data provided on 3 December 2020	Latest data provided on 29 November 2020	Latest data provided on 2 December 2020
Daily 14,879	Daily 414	Daily 1,350	Daily 352,990
Last 7 days 100,857	Last 7 days 3,085	Last 7 days 9,764	Last 7 days 2,128,291
↓-20,449 (-16.9%)	↓-173 (-5.3)	↓-1,574 (-13.9%)	↓-187,215 (8.1%)

As of 4pm on 3 December 2020, 10,612,822 pillar 1 and 22,676,527 pillar 2 tests have been confirmed as lab processed in total in England. The total number of lab confirmed cases in England is reported as 1,438,725 with 11,992 new people testing positive in a day. Sadly, 52,601* deaths in England have been reported with daily 328 people dying in a day.

*Deaths within 28 days of positive test.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Current situation

The rate of COVID-19 infection in the county has dropped significantly. The rate currently stands at 132/100,000 population, compared to 351 in Lincoln and 575 in Swale, Kent. Bolsover and North East Derbyshire remain the areas of Derbyshire with the highest rate of infection.

The rate of COVID-19 infection in the city has also seen a significant reduction. Currently the rate stands

at 176/100,000 population. At the time of writing there were 452 cases falling from 1200 at start of November. There has been a rapid reduction in infection rates for 17-21 year olds, potentially linked to reduction in activities during lockdown.

Work is underway to expand testing sites and local tracing. One of the main challenges at the moment is ensuring people who are symptomatic stay at home and have a test. [This blog](#) looks at why self-isolation is still vitally important to stop COVID-19 from spreading in our community, particularly to people who could become very sick if they catch the virus.

Joined Up Care Derbyshire receives approval for next steps in development

Joined Up Care Derbyshire, the partnership of health and care organisations in Derby and Derbyshire, has been confirmed as a new Integrated Care System. Find out more [here](#).

When you think you need A&E, think NHS111 first

Getting the right treatment, at the right time and at the right place has now become easier as Derby and Derbyshire residents are asked to contact NHS111 first by phone or online at 111.nhs.uk if they think they need A&E.

From this week the new initiative is designed to help people get the right treatment, at the right time and at the right place. If those contacting NHS111 need to go to A&E then a booking or time slot will be arranged for them.

Find out more [here](#)

Call to arms | Expressions of interest sought for support with COVID-19 vaccination initiative

The NHS and social care sector in Derby and Derbyshire is seeking to create a pool of people to support the health and social care workforce in delivering the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. For more information [click here](#).

Have you got it covered?

People across Derbyshire are being asked to make sure they've '[got it covered](#)' in a renewed plea to encourage more adults and young people to wear a face covering.

Other updates

[Derbyshire Dialogue – cancer services conversation takes place December 16th, 11am-12pm](#)

Statistics

As of 4pm on 3 December 2020.

Cases by area	Last 7 days	Rate per 100,000	Whole pandemic	Rate per 100,000	Deaths	Rate per 100,000
East Midlands	8,568	177.2	140,923	2,914.1	4,653	96.2
Derby city	452	175.7	7,932	3082.8	325	126.3
Derbyshire	1,111	138.4	21,371	2,662.4	892	111.1
Amber Valley	249	194.3	3,559	2,777.3	138	107.7
Bolsover	150	186.2	2,544	3,157.8	75	93.1
Chesterfield	135	128.7	2,729	2,601.5	87	82.9
Derbyshire Dales	68	94	1,258	1,739.4	63	87.1
Erewash	127	110.1	2,952	2,558.7	144	124.8
High Peak	86	92.8	2,384	2,572.7	131	141.1
North East Derbyshire	129	127.1	2,911	2,869.1	138	136
South Derbyshire	167	155.7	3,034	2,828.6	116	108.1

Health services

a significant increase in admissions for patients who are COVID-19 positive. [Find out more](#). Chesterfield Royal Hospital have also joined an increasing number of hospitals by taking the decision to suspend all but the most essential on-site patient visiting.

Access to primary care services (GP, Pharmacy, Dentist and Opticians)

[This document](#), produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, provides helpful information about how primary care services are currently operating.

Your GP Practice continues to be open for all health matters

Your GP Practice continues to be open for all health matters as well as COVID-19.

Help us help you

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire has done to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them please [click here](#).

Services

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information. For residents without internet access a phone service is available via Healthwatch Derbyshire. Call 01773 880 786, - Mon to Fri, 10am-3.30pm.

If you would like to access the individual websites of our hospital and community NHS partners, these are listed below:

[University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#)

[DHU Health Care](#) (provider of the NHS 111 telephone helpline for the East Midlands as well as the out of hours GP services in Derbyshire and Leicestershire)

Partner information

Winter top tips advent calendar launches

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has launched an online advent calendar containing top tips to help you stay safe and well this winter against a backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. The calendar will feature 24 top tips on social media platforms, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook during December. To see what each day of the advent calendar has to offer, follow Joined Up Care Derbyshire at:

- Twitter | www.twitter.com/JoinedUpCare
- Instagram | www.instagram.com/joinedupcarederbyshire
- Facebook | www.facebook.com/joinedupcarederbyshire
- Website | www.joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk

DHU Health Care celebrates the tenth anniversary of its NHS 111 service

The DHU 111 service was launched in December 2010 in the north of Derbyshire, covering a population of 50,000 patients. After successfully rolling out the NHS 111 service to the whole county, DHU subsequently won the 111 contracts for Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire and finally Milton Keynes. Find out more [here](#).

[Stay warm and well this winter](#)

[Download the latest newsletter from Joined Up Care Derbyshire](#)

[Leaders Unlocked are currently looking for young people to join MH:2K – a youth-led project addressing mental health](#)

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

National Grief Awareness Week 2 - 8 December 2020

When we think of grief we normally think of the death of someone we love. However, there are over 40 different personal losses that can leave us feeling devastated, heartbroken, lost, hopeless and ultimately cause the same emotional and physical symptoms of grief. [National Grief Awareness Week](#) tries to normalise grief and get people talking about this typically uncomfortable subject on a national platform.

Over 50s alcohol helpline

[With You](#) has launched an over 50s Alcohol Helpline providing support and advice to individuals aged over 50 worried about their drinking, and their concerned others. This will be available 7 days a week; Monday to Friday at 12pm - 8pm and 10am to 4pm at weekends. The number is 0808 801 0750. The helpline is supported by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Just talking can help

NHS talking therapies can help you if you're struggling to cope with feelings of anxiety or depression. They're effective and confidential. Your GP can refer you or you can refer yourself online at nhs.uk/talk.

The Bee Tree Community

[The Bee Tree Community's](#) mission is to end social isolation and exclusion by creating joyful, thriving communities which inspire change in ourselves and each other, and realise our physical, mental and spiritual potential.

Other useful links

[Guidance for people who buy care and support through a direct payment](#)

[Easy read guidance for households with possible COVID-19](#)

[Disadvantaged pupils in England could begin focused tuition through the new National Tutoring Programme](#)

[Support available to employers, businesses and charities in Derbyshire](#)

[Feeding Derbyshire](#)

[Derbyshire Community Response Unit](#)

[Derbyshire Voluntary Action](#)

[Derby Community Hub](#)

[Information on free school meals during the Christmas school holidays in Derby](#)

[Community Action Derby](#)

[Community Directory Derbyshire](#)

[COVID-19 Survivors Group UK](#)

Wellbeing, health advice and support for health, social care and community staff

Support in relation to the COVID-19 virus is available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

Protect the capacity of our health and care services

- Follow the rules for your local area restrictions
 - [Find out what tier your area is in and what the local restrictions are](#)
- [Download](#) the NHS COVID-19 app
- Isolate if ill
- Wash hands regularly
- Wear a face covering when required
- Maintain a safe social distance as appropriate

What you can do to help

Help us to save lives by reinforcing key messages in this bulletin with your key contacts. This should include the updated Government message to stay alert to stay safe. Please use your social media accounts to share only official messages from Government and NHS websites and accounts as there is a lot of misinformation about coronavirus being shared online.

Download previous editions of this bulletin

You can download previous editions of this bulletin [here](#).

Contact

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk. We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within 72 hours.

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